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For: METHOD OF MODULATING NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES  
FORMATION IN MAMMALS, AND USES THEREOF IN GENE  
THERAPY, ANIMAL TRANSGENESIS AND IN FUNCTIONAL  
INACTIVATION OF AN ENDOGENOUS PROTEIN(S)

RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2001 setting forth a Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, which corresponds to claims 1 - 16, 19 - 22, 27, 29 - 30 and 43 - 47, with traverse. Further, Applicant further elects viruses, as recited in claim 2, as the species for the election which the Examiner set forth on page 5 of the Office Action. It is understood that the election of the viruses is a species election solely for search purposes and that should viruses be free of the prior art, the Examiner will follow the procedure in MPEP 803.02 and extend the search to the other species recited in claim 2.

Applicants concurrently file herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), with provision for the required fee, to extend the period for response for one month to, and including, February 28, 2002. If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.